

DEATH BY FIRE.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST IN A BOSTON CONFLAGRATION.

A Building Filled With Fire Works Speedily Devoured by Unconquerable Flames.

Scarcely No Time Given in Which to Seek Safety—Great Consternation Caused by Explosions.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21.—The forecasts for twenty-four hours commencing Saturday, June 22, at 7 a. m. are:

For Kansas, fair, warmer, variable winds, becoming southerly.

A VERITABLE MAGAZINE.

A Fireworks Establishment Ignited and Consumed in Short Order.

BOSTON, Mass., June 21.—A disastrous fire, accompanied by serious loss of life, occurred early this evening in the fireworks establishment of Hyer Bros., at Summer and Hawley streets. Three dead bodies have been taken from the ruins and three others received injuries which will probably result fatally. It is feared that there may be more victims among the debris.

The building, which is a four story brick structure, is occupied on the ground floor by C. E. Browning, milliner, and on the three upper floors by Hyer Bros., dealers in fancy goods and fireworks.

Shortly after 5 o'clock, while a salesman was waiting on a customer upon the second floor, he was struck by a flash of fire, which came from a firework which had exploded. He fell to the ground, striking two awnings in his descent, breaking his neck.

Charles F. Callahan and Thomas Faine, who were working on the third floor, jumped from a window in their flight. Faine was killed, while Callahan's injuries are fatal.

William Breunel, on the second floor, lost his way and rolled down the stairs and was picked up badly injured. He is also burned internally by smoke, and it is feared he cannot live.

A body which was taken from the building was recognized as that of Samuel Cord, one of the oldest employees of the firm. Another body, that of a boy, was taken to the morgue where it has not yet been identified. It is charged and burned so badly that identification will be difficult.

It completes the casualties so far as known at present.

A large portion of the \$100,000 stock is ruined, but it is well insured. During the fire the district fire engine sounded as if a hard fought battle was in progress and for nearly two hours, was heard the rattle of small musketry, interspersed at frequent intervals with the reports of the larger pieces, while sparks and an occasional rocket would shoot from the windows. These explosions created great consternation among the spectators. The cause of the fire is a mystery.

A FORTUNE DESTROYED.

A Kentuckian Consigns \$30,000 to the Flames in Order to Cheat His Heirs.

FRANKLIN, Ky., June 21.—The town is aglow with excitement tonight over a sensation that is somewhat out of the usual routine. William J. Hilton, a wealthy and miserly old merchant of this city, who is thought to be on his death bed, today dropped out of his bed which in the back part of his store and went into the store. He was followed by a negro man, his attendant, whom he ordered to take a trunk and put it on the fire in his room. The keg was headed up at both ends and he told the negro to light it. A few nails in it and some old papers—a will, among other things, that he wished to destroy. The negro did as directed, little dreaming that he was consigning to the flames about \$30,000 in greenbacks, but such was the case.

Soon after the act was done, a gentleman went in and seeing a large pile of burnt nails in the fireplace and what seemed to be remains of burnt paper, and suspecting that all was not right, began to make an examination of the ashes, and found what he took to be a will, and a small box containing a large sum of money and government 4 per cent bonds.

Mr. Hilton has a wife and one child, a profigate son who has been a great deal of trouble, and he and his wife have been separated for some time and there is now pending a suit for divorce and all money against him by his wife. A deal of bitterness has grown out of the suit and it is thought that he prefers to see his property in ashes rather than for his wife and son to inherit it. He is not expected to live many days and is now too feeble to talk and refuses to divulge anything.

THAYER DEFENDS MR. EGAN.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 21.—Governor Thayer upon receiving a request from the British association of Boston that he assist in securing the recall of Minister Egan from Chili, wrote a letter rebuking that organization sharply for attempting to blacken the name of Mr. Egan. The governor defends the minister warmly, and is very bitter in his denunciation of the course of the association.

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AN UNDERSTANDING REACHED.

Chicago Roads Surrender Seaboard Traffic to Lake Superior Lines.

CHICAGO, June 21.—The Chicago roads today formally surrendered to the Lake Superior lines all the through traffic from the seaboard to St. Paul and will hereafter use the route to the north with the regular class rates, the object being to establish as nearly as possible a system of special rates in line with the rates of the seaboard lines.

It was at a meeting of the western and northwestern divisions of the western freight association that the decision was reached. The agreement it was claimed, will materially improve the northwestern route situation so far as Chicago and Chicago roads are concerned. The plan is to put into effect July 1, 1899, the new rates, which will apply to all through traffic from the seaboard to St. Paul and Minneapolis as apply on local points to the same points. In other words, they will discontinue the application of lower rates on through traffic from the seaboard to Chicago proper. They can hardly do otherwise, it was thought, with every route to St. Paul and Chicago from seaboard points unless they have accepted the proposition of the trunk lines to pro rata with other business. The proposition is that as the matter now stands discrimination against Chicago is removed. Special rates are to be made for the protection of local shippers between Chicago and St. Paul, both through and local traffic on a number of commodities, such as iron articles, sugar, syrup, agricultural implements, etc. These rates will apply on quantities only and will be about 50 per cent lower than the regular class rates, the object being to establish as nearly as possible a system of special rates in line with the rates of the seaboard lines.

It is proposed to supplement the day's action by an attempt next week to abolish the pro rata on business between eastern points and the seaboard, and to establish through rates on the sum of the local. The author of the scheme is General Freight Agent Hamilton, of the Chicago, Burlington & Northern.

THE SONS' LAST SESSION.

Washington, June 21.—The patriotic order, Sons of America, held their final session of the convention this morning and disposed of the remaining business on hand. A resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a committee to revise the constitution and ritual of the order and to frame bills to be presented to congress asking for better immigration laws and naturalization laws, and an appropriation sufficient to purchase and improve additional grounds at Valley Forge to be used in connection with that owned by the Valley Forge centennial association.

Congress will also be memorialized to appropriate money to purchase the Temple of Minerva at Valley Forge, where Lord Cornwallis surrendered his army to General Washington, thus perpetuating this act of revolutionary history forever.

The question of formation of colored camps was harmoniously disposed of by the adoption unanimously of a resolution authorizing the organization of such camps under the name of the state national camps to be formed by the executive committee.

BECKHAM'S PILLS cure bilious and nervous ills.

ROSSA IN PRISON AGAIN.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa and William H. Hendricks were arrested at noon today by Detectives Heidelberg and Dolan of Inspector Byrne's staff. The arrest was made at the office of the United Irishman, on a warrant issued by Justice Hogan on the complaint of Patrick Sweeney, Cassidy charging them with criminal libel. The prisoners were locked up at police headquarters and were arraigned at the tombs police court in the afternoon.

Cassidy's complaint is about articles in Rossa's paper in which the latter accuses the former of being a British spy, etc.

A VILLAGE ALMOST DESTROYED.

TUCSON, Ariz., June 21.—Word was received here of the almost total destruction of the village of Ojitojito by fire. The houses, however, were small, as the place was little more than a mining camp. The loss is estimated at about \$30,000 and \$75,000. The village is ninety miles south-west of Tucson.

ANOTHER PENSION DECISION.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Assistant Secretary Bussey has rendered a decision in the case of Richard Whiting, late of company C, Thirty-third Missouri Infantry. It appears from the records that the claimant was wounded at Tupelo, Miss., July 14, 1864, and while lying on the field of battle in a helpless condition received a sunstroke, which soon after developed into chronic nervous prostration and impairment of mind, resulting in 1874 in imbecility and dementia. The wife and guardian of the claimant filed an application for pension in 1883, which was granted, the rate being fixed at \$24 per month, payment to begin from date of filing the application. Subsequently in 1885, the rate of pension was increased to \$30 per month. The claim came before Assistant Secretary Bussey upon an appeal filed by the pensioner's wife and guardian, the ground of contention being that the insane pensioner had not been adequately rated under the statutes applicable to the case, and that instead of the pension being granted at the date of the original application in 1883, it should have been begun at the date of pensioner's discharge, inasmuch as the limitation contained in the act of March 3, 1878, expressly exempts from the operation of it all claims by or in behalf of insane persons and children under 16 years of age. Assistant Secretary Bussey held that the exceptional provision is applicable to Whiting's claim, and hence allows his arrears from the date of discharge.

In addition to this feature of the claim the fact appears that about 1873 the pensioner has been in a condition that has required "the personal aid and attendance of another person," he having soon after 1874 become helpless from mental imbecility and from partial paralysis of one side, due to the sunstroke and gunshot wound, and the assistant secretary has decided in favor of the claimant, and he will not only to arrears, but to a re-rating and increase of pension under the acts of 1872, 1874 and 1880, the first rating being \$72 per month from June 16, 1874. The case is one of peculiar interest in its history and features, one fact being that in 1885, upon fraudulent and false information the claimant's pension was reduced to \$8 per month, and that the claimant fought in 101 battles and skirmishes in the war of the rebellion.

Ask for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and do not take any other. Sold by all druggists.

HILL'S SECRETARY TAKES A NEW JOB.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 21.—William G. Rice, Governor Hill's private secretary, was today chosen director and first vice president and treasurer of the Consolidated Car Heating company, organized some weeks ago by New York, Chicago, Detroit, Albany and Portland capitalists. The consolidation has a capital of \$2,500,000, and controls the Minneapolis Journal, and heating, lighting and ventilating appliances.

Colonel Rice has been officially connected with the state government since 1878, having been appointed assistant paymaster general by Governor Tilden.

Colonel Rice will shortly enter actively upon the duties of his new position, and will be managing editor with a prominent newspaper man as business manager.

GREAT DAMAGE AT ALBANY, MO.

ALBANY, Mo., June 21.—At 3:30 p. m. yesterday our vicinity was visited by two cyclones, or one in two prongs. It struck the residence of H. P. Williams, three miles east of this city, and completely demolished it. Mr. Williams' 9-year-old son and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Crispin, were instantly killed. Mrs. Williams was fatally injured and three children were badly hurt.

The cyclone wiped out the little village of Lone Star, destroying the store house of J. M. Townsend, the first vice president of the Missouri Pacific, and many residences. Mr. Townsend, the postmaster, is fatally injured, as is also George Steinman. Many other farm houses were destroyed, and it is impossible to estimate the damage.

At a citizens' meeting here today several hundred dollars were raised for the sufferers.

THOUGH SHAKEN LIKE A LEAF

By the most trivial causes, weak nerves are easily susceptible of invigoration, a term which also imports, in this instance, quickness of action.

Hostetter's Stomach Bitters systematically to overcome that super-sensitiveness of the human sensorium, which is subversive of all bodily comfort and mental tranquility, and which reacts most hurtfully upon the system. The difficulty underlying such cases is, as a rule, a general indigestion, or, in other words, a general impairment of the digestive and assimilative functions of the body. As the most potent, the most reliable auxiliary. As the body regains vigor and regularity by its aid, the brain and nervous system are also benefited, and the influence of malaria, dyspeptic and rheumatic invalids, and persons whose kidneys are inactive, should also use the Bitters.

A BIG LEGAL BATTLE.

OMAHA, Neb., June 21.—A legal battle involving \$600,000 is being fought in the United States circuit court here, in which John Fitzgerald, president of the Irish National league, is plaintiff, and the Fitzgerald-Malony Construction company and the Missouri Pacific road are the defendants.

Fitzgerald was general manager of the Construction company and conducted the building of something like a hundred miles of the Missouri Pacific road. He claims he never has received any compensation. One of the points raised is that while representing himself as being financially embarrassed, he was on the look-out for money in order to complete the contract, the directors of the company held a meeting and voted to declare themselves a dividend, and the trial will probably last several days.

MRS. HAYES STRICKEN WITH APOPLEXY.

CLEVELAND, O., June 21.—Mrs. Hayes, the wife of ex-President Hayes, was stricken with apoplexy this afternoon at her home in Fremont and at 3 o'clock this evening she was unconscious.

The attack came between 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon while Mrs. Hayes was sitting in her room sewing. Paralysis of the right side occurred, rendering her speechless. Medical help was at once summoned, but all efforts to restore her to consciousness have thus far failed. General Hayes was on his way home from Columbus at the time and it was 5 o'clock when he arrived in Fremont. Mrs. Hayes' sons, Richard and Webb, were summoned from Toledo and Cleveland their respective homes.

Hood's Sarsaparilla gives a good appetite, tones the system, and purifies the blood. Give it a trial.

A CRAZY BRUTE LYNCHED.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 21.—Andy Caldwell, a negro, this morning attempted to ravish Mrs. Beckham, a respectable woman, at her home near Bridgewater, in this state. Mrs. Beckham's daughter took a gun and tried to shoot the man, but it failed to do so. The negro took the gun away from the girl and shot her in the leg. He then went to Bridgewater and created a disturbance in a store there, when the proprietor shot at him and he ran off. Caldwell was captured and taken to Winsboro, where a guard from the state lunatic asylum took charge of the negro to bring him to the asylum. Caldwell was shot in the leg by the negro from the officers and shot him to death.

ONE KILLED AND ONE WOUNDED.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., June 21.—Last night in Black Bluff, a fight took place between the Atlantic & Pacific road, ninety miles west of here, a row occurred between the proprietors and some cowboys, in which Fred Hudson was killed and E. H. Brasel was severely shot through the leg. The wounded man was brought to this city today.

BASE BALL.

AT CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati.....3 1 0 2 0 0 0 0—2
Kansas City.....1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—0
Base hits—Cincinnati 9, Kansas City 5.
Errors—Cincinnati 3, Kansas City 7.
Pitchers—Vian and Sowers.

AT LOUISVILLE.

Louisville.....0 0 2 4 0 0 0 0—7
St. Louis.....0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1—3
Base hits—St. Louis 11, Louisville 8.
Errors—St. Louis 2, Louisville 4.
Pitchers—Chamberlain and Ramsey.

AT PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia.....0 2 0 0 0 0 1 0—3
Columbus.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Base hits—Philadelphia 10, Columbus 4.
Errors—Athletics 0, Columbus 3.
Pitchers—Seward and Wiedner.

AT KANSAS CITY.

No game. Rain.

AT CLEVELAND.

New York.....17 1 Cleveland.....6
AT INDIANAPOLIS.

Indianapolis.....8 Washington.....3
AT CHICAGO.

Chicago.....3 Philadelphia.....2
AT PITTSBURGH.

No game.

SHOT HIS DEFENSELESS INJURER.

ONAKOOC, Va., June 21.—A negro whose name can not be ascertained whipped the little daughter of John Cora, a white farmer residing near Pastoria, several days ago. Cora armed himself with a double barreled shotgun and went to the negro's house. Upon arriving there he found the negro also armed with a shotgun but the colored man as soon as he saw Cora, opened his shirt and laying his hand on his bare breast said: "Shoot, you haven't got grit enough." Cora cocked his gun and taking aim fired, emptying an entire load of buckshot into the negro's breast. Cora then left and it is not known whether he has been arrested or not. The negro is dangerously wounded.

PEARLS SOAP is the most elegant toilet adjunct.

A STORM AT TRENTON.

TRENTON, Mo., June 21.—This section of the country was visited with a destructive wind and rain storm this afternoon, which did considerable damage. The school building was partially unroofed, and the two-story brick of Weststein & Mason was also unroofed, and a number of the front buildings were blown down. The tent of boliness was blown down while services were going on. A number of persons were slightly injured. It is thought that the storm did great damage in the country north of here, but no reports have reached here yet.

ST. JOE "NEWS" SOLD.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., June 21.—The daily News, St. Joseph's afternoon newspaper, was today sold to E. B. Haskell, of Boston, part owner of the Boston Herald. C. M. Palmer, of Minneapolis, who, with Mr. Haskell, owns the Minneapolis Journal, and C. M. Schultz, late managing editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, the new proprietors will take charge August 1. C. M. Schultz was formerly managing editor of the News.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., June 21.—This morning J. B. Henderson, aged 25 years, shot his landlady, Mrs. Andonigues, in the breast, and then suicided by shooting himself in the mouth. The man was taken to the room for drunkenness yesterday and it is supposed he shot the woman for causing the trouble. The woman may recover.

PENNSYLVANIA'S OFFICIAL RETURNS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 21.—Official returns have been received from every county in the state. The majority against the prohibitory amendment is 52,540.

THE ATLANTIC FISHERIES.

OTTAWA, Ont., June 21.—It is understood that the preliminary and unofficial correspondence started some time ago will shortly result in the opening of negotiations for the settlement of the Atlantic fishery question.

THEY WON'T SELL CUBA.

MADRID, June 21.—In the cortes today Senor Baccera, minister of the colonies, reaffirmed that the United States government has no intention of purchasing Cuba. He added that the proposition looking to the sale of the island would be entertained by the Spanish government.

YALES WINS THE RACE.

NEW LONDON, Conn., June 12.—The eight-year-old, four miles straight-away race, between the Yale and University of Pennsylvania crews was rowed this evening on the river. Yale won by a wide margin. Yale: Yale, 23:30; Pennsylvania, 23:54.

INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTIONS.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The collections of internal revenue during the first eleven months of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, were \$129,082,963, being \$5,542,208 more than the collections during the corresponding period of the last fiscal year.

THE FIRST COLORED PRIEST.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 21.—Cardinal Gibbons this morning ordained Charles Randolph Jones, colored, and when he receives the holy orders he will be the first colored priest ordained in America.

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DISASTER.

ARMAGH, June 21.—The jury in the case of the five railway employees charged with causing the recent disaster by which seven persons lost their lives, has brought in a verdict of manslaughter. The rear guard of the wrecked train has been arrested.

TWO LADIES DROWNED.

CHICAGO, June 21.—Miss Jennie Elmblad and Miss Hilda Carlson were drowned in the Desplaines river, near Desplaines, today. They were out boating with three friends and the boat capsized near the dam.

STORRS GIVES BAIL.

NEW YORK, June 21.—George Storrs, the son of Emory Storrs, the lawyer, who is accused of sending a vile letter to his wife, yesterday gave bond and gave bail in \$500 for trial.

GENERAL CAMERON VERY LOW.

LANCASTER, Pa., June 21.—General Simon Cameron very low and belated to be sinking. Death may occur at any time.

TURF WINNERS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 21.—Winners at today's races: The Elk, Jess Armstrong, Bonnie King, Madolin and Violet.

For Tired and Tender Feet.

A remedy for tired and tender feet, which causes so much suffering during the hot weather, is cold water, about two quarts, two tablespoonfuls of ammonia, one tablespoonful of bay rum. Sit with the feet immersed for ten minutes, gently throwing the water over the limbs upward to the knee. Then rub dry with a clean towel and all the tired feeling is gone.—Amateur Pedestrian.

A Cynicism.

Fond Spouse—Walter's hair was the love-best color when he was little; I've got a curl and a curl when he was a baby, and I've got a curl and a curl when he was a man.

Cynical Bachelor Friend (gazing attentively at the expansive brow on the back of Walter's head)—Must have been quite a sizeable egg; I can see the spot where he cut it off now.—Detroit Free Press.

A MYSTERIOUS SUMMONS.

A STORY OF THE SUPERNATURAL TOLD IN THE SMOKING ROOM.

A Man Saved from the Hangman in a Singular Manner—A Fisherman's Interest in the Habits of Trout Snatches an Innocent Man from the Gallows.

"I have known of a fisherman being visited by a ghost," said Ross, one of the party, "and as I am an old man I should like the story to be preserved. I was living some fourteen miles from Worcester; forty years ago, and was a keen fisherman. One day late in the season I had a good afternoon of trout fishing in a brook which ran three miles from my house, and on my way home in a very dark evening was struck at the shin by a thunderstorm, in spite of my efforts to escape by sheltering here and there under shrubs, hedges and the like.

"Six months afterward I was disturbed in bed by a loud voice in my room, saying: 'Get up and go to Worcester.' I started, rubbed my eyes, sat up and listened, but heard nothing, and there was not a breath of air stirring out of doors. I went off to sleep again and was again speedily disturbed by the same cry. I now awoke my wife and asked if she had heard anything. 'Certainly not,' she replied, but she did not wonder at it, as she had heard of the indigestible dinner I had made. This was small comfort, and again the words sounded, this time louder than ever, at my ear: 'Get up and go to Worcester.' I rose and struck a light; it was 4:30 a. m. and pitch dark with much rain. I could see the idea of descending, seining very dark evening was reached at a distance (cottage) and starting to Worcester in such a deluge was not at all cheerful. But the same words sounded more impressively than before at my ear, and telling my wife I was going to Worcester for the day I slipped on my clothes, laid myself out and began saddling a gray. With some surprise I noted that horses also were strongly resented the process by leaping and kicking, on this particular morning she was perfectly quiet and tractable.

"I rode along the dark and miry chain of roads which surrounds Millington with ease, partly from knowing them perfectly, partly because no one was stirring, and toward dawn approached the Severn, now in full flood, where it was necessary for me to cross if I did not care to go by the windings of the river (a much longer road) to the city. Here I expected to spend half an hour bawling from the bank till the drowsy ferryman would be pleased to awake and come over to the horses. Curiously enough, as I rode down the bank I espied him waiting. He touched his hat and said: 'All right, sir; I heard you shouting and came over as quickly as I could.' Of course I had never shouted, but the rain and cold forbade my raising any question on the matter, and I thankfully got in and was ferried across. I had about six miles to ride on the Severn side, and it was 7:30 o'clock when I rode into Worcester, tired and hungry. However, I put up my beast, breakfasted, and not knowing what to do strolled out into the city. A ghastly summons had brought me there, but I had no further guidance, so one way seemed much the same as another.

"Noting a crowd passing toward the assize courts, I fell in with them, and by dint of tipping and squeezing soon found myself listening to the end of a murder trial. The prisoner, one Llewellyn Morris, had just been found guilty. As I entered, the judge called upon him to say anything he desired against sentence being pronounced upon him. The accused seemed familiar to me, and I could not recall where I had met him. He was a little man, and appeared, with a crowded court hung upon his fate with breathless anxiety, to be the least concerned of the assemblage.

"His innocence established.

"He answered the judge respectfully, but carelessly enough, that he was catenly ignorant of the murder, and was two or three miles away from the place where it was committed. He had a defense, 'a hully boy,' it was called, but could not produce his witness. He had no idea who his witness was, but on the point of the case Judge had been feeling and had walked a couple of miles on the road home, till thunder roared and the rain descended like a waterfall, with a gentleman whom he had met at the riverside. At length the storm was so fearful and the darkness so deep that they had both diverged from the road into a neighboring churchyard, and when they returned to the place of time, an hour later, the tempo, passed on. He had conversed that time with his neighbor, but had no notion who he was or he would clear him, as that storm took place immediately after the old man had been murdered, and it would have been physically impossible for him to have stood by the post where he had been feeling and had walked a couple of miles on the road home. As it was, however, having no clew to his witness, he was content to leave himself in his lordship's hands.

"At once I remembered that this was the very man who had stood with me in the church porch, and, rising amid much excitement, offered myself to the judge as a witness for the accused. After being sworn, I wrote down at the judge's request, what we had talked of and what answers the prisoner had made. Upon this the prisoner examined me, and the answers so tallied with what I had written down, that the judge delivered his verdict, and the prisoner, and declaring his previous verdict, the jury unanimously, and without a moment's hesitation, acquitted him. We had talked, as it happened, of a curious legend in a neighboring lord's family, and the prisoner had given me some information about the spawning of trout, which, as a fisherman, I had long remembered. Years afterward I was convicted at Dartmoor prison, on his death bed, confessed that he alone was guilty of the murder for which my companion in the porch so narrowly escaped conviction; and so, you see, a ghost was of advantage for once, and let us hope, for the credit of fisherman, close one of them to prison on an old conviction at Dartmoor.